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What's Up At USSOUTHCOM

EMPLOYMENT READINESS & TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The Family Support Center offers many services for the USSOUTHCOM/USAG-Miami Community:

- Three-day Transition Assistance Program Workshops
- Marketing Yourself for a Second Career Workshops
- Pre-separation Briefings, including completion of DD Form 2648
- Resume Writing and Interviewing Skills Workshops
- Job/Career Fairs
- Job and Career Transition Coaching
- Job Search Strategies and Referrals
- Individual Coaching and Support
- Access to FSC computers for Internet job search and resume development
- Access to Community Employers' Data Resource Reference Manuals.

For these and more services, contact Marva Creary, Employment Readiness Manager at 305 437-2671/2665 or toll-free 1 888-547-4025, Ext. 2671.

MISUNDERSTOOD PROGRAM SEEKS TO HELP SPECIAL FAMILIES

What is an exceptional family member? An exceptional family member is an authorized family member (spouse, child, stepchild, adopted child, foster child or dependent parent) residing with the sponsor who may require special medical or educational services based upon a diagnosed physical, intellectual or emotional need. This includes Asthma, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation, Dyslexia, ADD, ADHD, Autism, Oppositional Defiant Disorder or Depression. Disabilities may range from mild to severe.

Many military families are not aware that there is a program designed to help them. A ver-

sion of this program exists in every branch of the military. The Army and the Marine Corps know it as the Exceptional Family Member Program or EFMP. What many do not know is that this is a mandatory enrollment program for active duty service members designed to provide assistance to them and their family during and after relocation due to Permanent Change of Station (PCS) orders.

To enroll in the EFMP program at USSOUTHCOM, contact the Family Health Clinic at (305) 437-1352 or stop by the clinic to begin the assessment process and to obtain enrollment forms.

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Calendar of Events

JANUARY

Happy New Year

Thursday, 1 January

Training Holiday

Friday, 2 January

2 Pianos, 4 Hands

Sunday, 4 January, 2pm/\$20

Coconut Grove Playhouse

Pre-Separation Briefing

Wednesday, 7 January

(Pre-requisite to TAP)

USAG-M, 2:30-4pm

Busch Gardens Tampa

Saturday, 10 January

Depart HQ 6am

Depart Busch Gardens 7pm

Ringling Brothers Circus

Saturday, 11 January, 1pm

American Airlines Arena

Single Parent Support Group

Thursday, 15 January, 11am-12pm

USAG-M



Sea World Orlando

Saturday, 17 January

Depart HQ 6am

Depart SeaWorld 7pm

The Chosen

Sat 17 Jan/Sun 18 Jan, 2pm/\$20

Coconut Grove Playhouse

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Birthday

Monday, 19 January

A Hotel on Marvin Gardens

Monday, 19 January - Deadline to Pay

(Sunday, 8 Feb at Actor's Playhouse)

Pre-Separation Briefing

(Pre-requisite to TAP)

Wednesday, 21 January

USAG-M, 2:30-4pm

Healthy Credit

Thursday, 22 January, 2:30-4pm

USAG-M



Cirque du Soleil

Saturday, 24 January, 4pm

Bicentennial Park

Transition Assistance

Program TAP

Tuesday 27 Jan - Thursday 29 Jan

La Quinta Hotel

8am-4pm

FEBRUARY

STEP Parenting Class: Session I

Tuesday, 3 February 9:30-11:30am

USAG-M, Room 15

Pre-Separation Briefing

(Pre-requisite to TAP)

Wednesday, 4 February

USAG-M, 2:30-4pm

Jolson & Company

Weds, 4 Feb Noon - Deadline to Pay

Giselle, Miami City Ballet

Friday, 6 February, 8pm

Jackie Gleason Theater

Kennedy Space Center

Saturday, 7 February

Depart HQ 6am

Depart Kennedy Space Center 5pm

A Hotel on Marvin Gardens

Sunday, 8 February, 2pm

Actor's Playhouse, \$25

Deadline to Pay - 19 Jan

STEP Parenting Class: Session II

Tuesday, 10 February, 9:30-11:30am

USAG-M, Room 15

STEP Parenting Class: Session III

Tuesday, 17 February, 9:30-11:30am

USAG-M, Room 15

Single Parent Support Group

Thursday, 19 February, 11am-Noon

USAG-M, Room 15

Kayaking - Jupiter

Saturday, 21 February

Depart HQ 6am



Jolson & Company

Sat 21 Feb/Sun 22 Feb

2pm/\$20

Coconut Grove Playhouse

Deadline to Pay - 4 February

Fiddler on the Roof

Mon 23 Feb COB - Deadline to Pay

(14 March, Actor's Playhouse)

STEP Parenting Class:

Session IV

Tuesday, 24 February, 9:30-11:30am

USAG-M, Room 15

Resume Writing &

Interviewing Skills

Wednesday, 25 February

USAG-M Ed.Ctr

2-4pm

Pre-Separation Briefing

(Pre-requisite to TAP)

Thursday, 26 February

USAG-M, 2:30-4pm

What's Up in South Florida

The Coconut Grove Arts Festival

will be held Feb 15-17 on the streets of Coconut Grove. There is a \$5 admission to the artist area. For more information, see <http://www2.coconutgroveartsfest.com/about/index.asp>.

For other **Miami** area events, check out <http://www.miami-travel-services.com/Entertainment/entertainment.htm>.

For **Broward** events, check out http://krd1.herald.com/calendar_ml/search_Results.asp?TY=1&Group=17 and <http://www.showtimeinteractive.com/top/1,1419,S-BCA-Home-ANYTHING!Front,00.html>. For events and other information, go to <http://dot-com-success.com/broward.htm>.

USSOUTHCOM Community Information Meeting (SCCIM). SCCIM is held the first week of each month. Zip Code Coffee Group Coordinators disseminate information from the SCCIM to the zip code coffee groups. All spouses are encouraged to submit concerns/issues to your area zip code coordinator. The purpose is to share ideas and make living in South Florida an enriching experience. Upcoming meetings: 1000hrs, Codina Building Conference Room. POC: Jennifer Harms, 305 437-2723.

SPOUSES CORNER

ZIP CODE COFFEE GROUPS POCs

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Cris Kendle (305) 220- 9564/(305) 279-3637

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Stephanie Paul (954) 885-8327

Ramona Chestang (954) 885- 9139

Doral, North Dade:

Heather Tuttle (305) 597-0517

Patsy Barrier (786) 845-3073

Commander's Cup Golf Tournament

21 November was another great golf day at Inverrary. Winners of the 2003-2004 Cup were Arturo Alzamora, Russel Biggs, Troy Brandon and Phil Genthner. We couldn't have done it without our generous sponsors: Golf Cart Sponsor: **MANTECH**, Gold Sponsors: **OCEAN BANK, PBS&J, TROPIC OIL**; Silver Sponsors: **ESSLINGER WOOTEN MAXWELL, NIGHTLINE**; Hole in One Sponsor: **WILLIAMSON CADILLAC**. Additional Sponsors: **ALF'S GOLF** and **THE BILTMORE HOTEL**. Our sponsors enable us to provide quality MWR events at reasonable prices. There were plenty of prizes in addition to the coveted awards. Join us at the Commander's Classic next Spring.



Above: Tournament in play.

Right: Commander's Cup winners proudly display their trophy, awarded by General James T. Hill.

Photos by SPC Allison.



KID'S CORNER

For information on arts and cultural events geared toward children, check out <http://www.childrenculturalcoalition.org/> on the Internet.

The Young At Art Museum on State Road 84 in Davie offers many interesting hands-on activities for children. Check out <http://www.youngatartmuseum.org/index.php>.

The Miami Dade County Public Library offers programs for children and teens. On the Internet, go to <http://www.mdpls.org/> for information.

For Broward County Library information, go to <http://www.broward.org/library/>.

SPOUSE EXPO

If you missed the Spouse Expo on October 25, you missed the chance to win some great door prizes, graciously donated by our sponsors: **ABOUT FACE MAKEUP; BILTMORE HOTEL; COCONUT GROVE PLAYHOUSE; DOUBLETREE GRAND HOTEL; GIL'S FLOWERS; JOHNSON & WALES; RUSTY PELICAN** and **WINN DIXIE STORES**.

Attendees learned about the USSOUTHCOM and South Florida communities. Participants included Miami Dade and Broward Schools, American Red Cross, parks departments and many more.



USSOUTHCOM children are always welcome at the SPOUSE EXPO!



SPC Chris Allison and his wife Jennifer learn more about the community.
Photos by Helen Colby.

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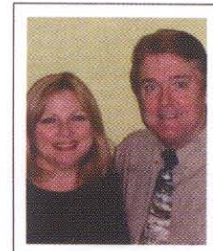


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Sounds simple enough, but there are a number of misconceptions about the EFMP that keep individuals from using it as a support system, including:

"I will be labeled." Registry in the EFMP will not be an element of the Manpower Management System, Individual Record Books or parent command records of the sponsor.

"I will be forced into assignments that will hinder promotions and career opportunities." Enrollment cannot prejudice advancement or career opportunities of EFMP sponsors. The sponsor always has the option of accepting an assignment while the family is supported in another location.

"As an EFMP sponsor, I am non-deployable." The EFMP has no impact on the deployment responsibilities of the sponsor. Overseas unaccompanied, unit deployments and standard deployments must be carried out without interruption.

"Enrollment in the EFMP will allow me to select a duty station." Enrollment allows assignment managers at military personnel agencies to consider the documented medical and special education needs of exceptional family members in the assignment process. When possible, members before, service

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or Spouse Abuse
contact Family
Advocacy at
(305) 437-3086/3072.
After duty hours
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(305) 437-4900.**

members are assigned to an area where the medical and special education needs of their exceptional family members can be met. This will depend on a valid personnel requirement for the service member's grade, specialty and eligibility for the tour. All service members are still eligible for worldwide assignments.

"I will not be eligible for an overseas accompanied assignment as an EFMP sponsor." Overseas screening is the same for all families anticipating accompanied orders. If the special needs of the family member can be met by the receiving location overseas, an accompanied assignment may be authorized.

Proposed Youth Summer Hire Program Survey

We are considering a Youth Summer Hire Program and would like to know how many dependent family members between the ages of 16-20 years old are currently in our USSOUTHCOM community.

Please take a moment to complete the following and return to us in the Family Support Center via fax 305 437-2672. POC: Marva Creary-Dixon, crearym@hq.southcom.mil.

Employee Name _____

Work Phone _____ Home Phone _____

1- Dependent's Name _____

Dependent's Age _____ Gender _____

2- Dependent's Name _____

Dependent's Age _____ Gender _____

Please return via fax to 305 437-2672 by 15 January 2004

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"Enrollment in the EFMP is accepting preferential treatment and indicates an inability to carry out my professional responsibilities." EFMP enrollment does nothing more than prescribe an agreed upon and systematic manner to communicate your special need when a random assignment is not suitable for you.

The United States Army Garrison-Miami Family Support EFMP services include information and referral, advocacy, support groups and relocation assistance. Contact the EFMP Manager, C. Dana Cekauskas, LCSW at (305) 437-2734 or cekauskc@hq.southcom.mil. For more information, please view the USAG-M Family Support Center website at http://www.southcom.mil/usag-miami/dca_programs_fsc_famadv-efmp.htm. ■

The Family Support Center has a supply of "Exceptional Parent - 2003 Resource Guides."

The guide contains information on specific disabilities, vocational rehabilitation, products and services, organizations, associations, professional societies, parent support and more. All EFM family members or families with special needs, please come to the Family Support Center, (305) 437-2734 for your copy.

NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS

Directorate of Community Activities (DCA)

Director, Sheryl Byrd (305) 437-2720
Administration, Vilma Lesesne (305) 437-2715
Marketing and Sponsorship, Helen Colby
(305) 437-2639

Website: <http://www.southcom.mil/usag-miami/Default.htm>

E-mail: mwrcustomerservice@hq.southcom.mil
Toll Free Hot Line: 1 888-547-4025

Substance Abuse Program (SAP)/Employee Assistance

SAP Officer, Guy Drab (305) 437-3078

Recreation Division

Fitness Center (305) 437-1152
Better Opportunity for Single Service
Members (BOSS), President SPC, Richard Garcia
(305) 437-1723
Recreation, Stephen Ondriezek (305) 437-2726

Tickets and Tours,
Eric Ruiz & Jill Hauser (305) 437-1595

Family Support Division (FSD)

FSD Officer, Victoria DuBois (305) 437-2644
Administration, Damian Perez (305) 437-2665
Consumer Affairs/Emergency Financial
Assistance, Richard Zimmelman (305) 437-2645
Employment Readiness/Transition
Assistance/Notary Marva Creary
(305) 437-2671

Exceptional Family Member/
Family Advocacy, Dana Cekauskas, LCSW
(305) 437-2734

Information & Referral/Child Care Subsidy
Daniel Goldberg (305) 437-2633
Relocation Readiness, Jennifer Harms
(305) 437-2723

School Liaison Officer, Ileana Gonzalez-Posada
(305) 437-2665

Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Ortiz
(305) 437-2667

USSOUTHCOM Clinic

Office hours: 0730-1630
For appointments call (305) 437-3559

Services TRICARE enrolled members

TRICARE Service Center
8385 Pines Boulevard (954) 443-6793
or
Pembroke Pines, FL 33024 1-800-700-8593

Domestic Violence/Child Abuse

John Knoebel (305) 437-3072

Family Counseling Center (305) 437-3086

Housing Referral (305) 437-2656

Education Services (305) 437-1141

Carlson Wagonlit (305) 437-1746

Veterinary Services (305) 437-1304

(POC - Ms. Estes)

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